

Inspirational Writers Alive! Open Competition 2021
Deadline for entries: June 15, 2021

Maximum of two entries in each category

Category 1 Short Story—Fiction: Adult/young adult (15 to early twenties) themes; 700-2500 words

Category 2 Short Story—Fiction: Children/teens (to age 14); 750-1000 words

Category 3 Article: Nonfiction; 500-1500 words

Category 4 Poetry: Rhymed/unrhymed; 48 lines or fewer

Category 5 Devotional: 300 words or fewer, including scripture and prayer thought on the order of *Secret Place, Upper Room*

Category 6 Non-Fiction Book: Table of Contents/Summary/1st Chapter; up to 2500 words

Category 7 Adult Novel: Summary/1st Chapter; up to 2500 words

Children's Book: Summary/1st Chapter; up to 1000 words

Category 6 and 7: Open only to unpublished writers or unpublished in last 3 years in genre. For a child's picture book, submit the entire manuscript or a layout of the book (no illustrations).

General Guidelines

Entries must be unpublished and have inspiring appeal.

Submit two SASE: one 10x12 for return of manuscripts and one legal for notification of winning entries.

First-place winners may not enter the same category for two years.

Submit two copies of each entry. The cover page for each entry must include your name, address, phone number, email, title, word count, and category.

Do not put your name anywhere on your manuscript. On page 1, type the title and begin your story.

On page 2 and following pages, put the entry title in the upper left corner and the page number in the upper right corner.

All entries must be typed in correct manuscript style: double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman or Courier New. Please do not use fancy fonts.

Entry fees: Members: \$5, Non-Members: \$10

Special Notes:

*All winners will be notified by mail. If you attend the conference, you may pick up manuscripts then.

***Awards will be presented at the Texas Christian Writers Conference on August 7, 2021.**

*Registration forms for the TCWC may be obtained at: www.centralhoustoniwa.com.

*Prizes are \$30 1st place, \$20 2nd place and \$15 3rd place.

*Due to increase in postage rates, manuscripts without 10x12 SASE will NOT be returned by mail.

*Please use registration form on reverse side.

Failure to follow any of the guidelines will disqualify your entry.

Registration Form: IWA! 2021 Writing Competition

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____ IWA! Chap _____ Non-member _____

Categories Entered: \$10 non-member, \$5 member.

	Number of Entries	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Adult Short Story	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Children/Teen Short Stories	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Article	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Poetry	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Devotional	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 First Chapter Non- Fiction	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 First Chapter Fiction	_____
	Total Fee(s)	_____

Amount remitted: _____ Check _____ Money Order _____

NOTE: If any category fails to have enough qualified entries, you may opt to have your money returned or to have your manuscript evaluated by a professional.

_____ Please return my entry fee. _____ I would like to have a professional evaluation.

Mail all entries with this form to: **Melanie Stiles**
3814 Lost Oak Drive
Spring, Texas 77388

For further information: marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net OR melstiles@aol.com

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Checklist for Entries:

___ Correct Manuscript Form ___ Check or MO for correct amount
___ Cover Sheet with complete information ___ Two copies of manuscript
___ **Return SASE (if you prefer your submissions returned after the contest)**